STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that families are the primary source of support, love, and identity for children and of forming our communities; and

WHEREAS; every child, regardless of age, gender, race, or physical and emotional challenges needs a family to call their own; and

WHEREAS; families that adopt children provide a nurturing environment for children to grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS; throughout our state, more than 9,400 children have gained the warmth and fellowship of a permanent family through adoption; and

WHEREAS; there are approximately 350 children in foster care in Wisconsin, waiting for a compassionate family to open their hearts and homes to them; and

WHEREAS; there are a multitude of individuals in public, private, and tribal agencies working together to support Wisconsin's children and families, and informing the public of the importance of adoption;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 2015, as

ADOPTION MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 27th day of October 2015.

> SCOTT WALKER GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Secretary of State